



**Coronavirus vaccination:
protect your child**
The vaccine is effective!



The coronavirus pandemic affects your child!

This pandemic has greatly altered the everyday lives of children and young people: The closing of nurseries and schools, home-schooling and reduced contact have all put a strain on families. Parents and guardians are feeling worried and anxious. Here you can find out how to protect your child.

Studies confirm:

- **Psychological complaints, behavioural problems, stress and anxiety** have greatly increased among children as a result of the pandemic.
- If familiar daily structures and social contacts are lost, children's **cognitive, emotional and social development can be impaired.**

Important to know:

There are **600,000 children** between the ages of 5 and 11 living in Austria. Between July and November 2021, **11.5 per cent** of all SARS-CoV-2 infections confirmed in Austria were children belonging to this age group. Almost **half of them (44.5 per cent) became ill with COVID-19.**

Why it is important to have your child vaccinated!

Children can also catch the coronavirus, become ill and infect others. The coronavirus vaccination protects your child.

- Compared to other childhood diseases, against which every child is vaccinated as a matter of course, **COVID-19** is currently **much more** common. Children can also become ill with COVID-19.
- **Children with underlying medical conditions** are at higher risk of contracting a severe course of the disease.
- In very rare cases, the novel **“Paediatric Inflammatory Multiorgan Syndrome (PIMS)”** can occur as a result of SARS-CoV-2 infection in children. This disease is severe but usually highly treatable.
- It is generally recommended for **children aged 5 and above** to get vaccinated. There are separate vaccines for children aged 5-11.

Important to know:

Parents decide whether or not their child should get vaccinated and which vaccines should be used. Paediatricians are available for consultations. Give your children the opportunity to ask questions themselves at their appointment to get vaccinated.

Your child's safety comes first!

Strictly controlled studies have confirmed the efficacy and safety of the coronavirus vaccination for children. For children aged 5 and above, we recommend getting vaccinated twice three weeks apart with the Comirnaty vaccine from BioNTech/Pfizer. The vaccine protects against:

- the **COVID-19 disease**.
- **late effects** (e.g. exhaustion, headaches, sleep disturbances, lack of concentration), which can also occur after mild or asymptomatic courses.
- **the infection of family members** (e.g. younger siblings who cannot yet be vaccinated themselves or who are at high risk of a severe course of the disease).

Important to know:

The coronavirus vaccination is well-tolerated, highly effective and protects children against the COVID-19 disease and possible late effects. For initial protection provided by the vaccine, it is recommended for children to get two doses. Children aged 5-11 receive a smaller amount of vaccine than children aged 12 years and older.

What parents need to know about vaccinations!

Vaccinations are a success story. They protect us and those we love. Go to your paediatrician for detailed and personalised information.

Here are a few important facts:

- Vaccinations have been successful in driving out **serious childhood diseases** (such as smallpox).
- Vaccinations **protect children from serious diseases** and **strengthen their immune system** from an early age.
- It is extremely important to continue the **free child vaccination programme** during the pandemic and **to keep vaccination appointments** to ensure that your child is protected against diseases as early and comprehensively as possible.

Important to know:

Teach your child about the vaccination. We are here to support you. You can read the story about Klara getting vaccinated here:



Get vaccinated now!

Ask your doctor or pharmacist for
detailed information on getting the vaccine.

Register at:

oesterreich-impft.at/jetzt-impfen



You can find more information at:
sozialministerium.at/corona-schutzimpfung



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